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T O P S E C R E T 0921037 SENSITIVE VIÀ CA CHANNELS FROM: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER CITE: WHS1012 REEL SAIGON 0341

ALTHOUGH I HAVE COMMENTED EARLIER ON THE EXCELLENCE OF THE REPORT YOU AND GENERAL ABRAMS SENT IN REFERENCE NESSAGE. THE PRESIDENT HAS AGAIN ASKED THAT I EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR WHAT HE TERMED AN EXCELLENT AND HONEST REPORT FROM BOTH YOU AND GENERAL ABRAMS.

THE PRESIDENT MADE THE ADDITIONAL COMMENT THAT OUR WORST ENEMY SEEMS TO BE THE PRESS. PLEASE PASS OF TO ABE THE PRESIDENT'S ESTEEM FOR WHAT BOTH OF YOU ARE ACCOMPLISHING.

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March 9, 1971

FOR:

AMBASSADOR BUNKER

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

REF:

Saigon 0341

Although I have commented earlier on the excellence of the report you and General Abrams sent in reference message, the President has again asked that I express his gratitude for what he termed an excellent and honest report from both you and General Abrams.

The President made the additional comment that our worst enemy seems to be the press. Please pass on to Abe the President's esteem for what both of you are accomplishing.

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